

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 14, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, and co-occurrence of mental illness and substance abuse is a significant concern that requires integrated mental health treatment. The County of Los Angeles has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents. Mental health is a fundamental component of general health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and societal interactions.

"The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health have joined the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in a focused effort to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness during the month of May 2006. The department and commission will co-sponsor the Annual Recognition Awards in May. Mental health communities around the County will hold special events in May."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed May 2006 as "Mental Health Month" throughout Los Angeles County and encouraged employee participation in celebrating May 2006 as "Mental Health Month".

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